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1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR SAW COSTA GOMES AT 7 P.M. LOCAL LAST
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NIGHT, AUGUST 27. FROM WHAT HE TOLD ME HE MADE A STRONG

DEMARCHE VERY MUCH ALONG THE LINES OF OUR TALKING POINTS.

2. DUTCH AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. COSTA GOMES GAVE HIM SONG AND DANCE ABOUT HOW PRESS HERE REALLY IS FREE. COSTA GOMES WAS ALSO GENERALLY DEFENSIVE ABOUT CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION.

3. DESPITE LACK OF ANY POSITIVE REACTION, DUTCH AMBASSADOR FELT DEMARCHE WAS USEFUL. HE SHARES MY VIEW THAT IF THERE EVER WAS A TIME THAT ALLIED AMBASSADORS SHOULD WEIGH IN IT IS NOW.

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